



Spanish Visiting Teacher Program 2014-2015

Does your district or school is having difficulty in securing a licensed Spanish teacher for the 2014-2015 school year? Do you want to expose your students to a native speaker and cultural expert? Are you trying to figure out how to staff a Spanish immersion program? Does your community support rich cross-cultural learning experiences as a means of preparing students for college and career in today's global society? If your answer to any of these questions is yes, you may wish to apply to host a visiting teacher from Spain.

Kentucky's Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Education of Spain was created in 1999 to promote strong cross-cultural ties between the citizens of Kentucky and the people of Spain and to help address the uneven distribution of qualified instructors of Spanish in our state. Under this agreement, visiting teachers from Spain can be brought to teach in Kentucky schools for a period of up to three years, depending on the availability of each individual teacher, his or her willingness to stay for an extended period, and the school districts' interest in extending their visiting teachers' contracts beyond the initial year.

The KDE sponsors the visiting educators' J1 Visas, and all candidates meet the stringent requirements of the U.S. Departments of State and Homeland Security. They also meet the requirements of Kentucky's three-year Visiting International Teacher License, which recognizes their Highly Qualified Teacher status.

The process of securing a visiting teacher from Spain is not complicated. First, an interested community school or public district must determine that they have a guaranteed Spanish language or immersion teaching position for the coming school year. Teachers on J1 visas cannot be procured for openings that are uncertain or subject to elimination or change.

Next, they should contact Phillip Shepherd, Responsible Officer for the Program at KDE or Manuel Collazo, Education Advisor for the Spanish Consulate in Indianapolis, with a brief description of the position they are trying to fill and the profile of the candidate they are seeking.



At that point, we will provide the resumes of some candidates in accordance with the profile required so that the school can conduct Skype or phone interviews with the teachers. After a final decision is made school will provide us with a letter of intend to employ. As soon as we receive the document, both, KDE and the Spanish Consulate, will take care of all the paperwork to bring the teacher to your school as soon as possible.

Visiting teachers must receive the same salary and benefits that any other teacher would receive, based on his or her educational attainment and years of experience.

The school or district also must find a host family that is willing to assist the teacher with all aspects of “getting settled” for the first two or three weeks that the visiting teacher is in the community.

We are copying below a link to the interactive brochure where you will find complete information about the program and reference from other KY schools currently working with the program. http://issuu.com/eosn/docs/pdf_issu

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